been found that on every record except the

copy said to have been given from the Lyon Falls station to the freight conductor

possibly the operator had missed the mes-

sage or part of it as it came in and trusted

to memory in transcribing it. In regard

to the copy actually handed over to the

freigh crew it was the understanding that

t was in reality "copy" of the real order

and was not a carbon tracing of the original

despatch as taken down when its ticking

caught the attention of the operator in the

Lyon Falls office. The original copy, Supt.

Christie was informed by Mrs. McLane, had

Among those who were on the passenger

train and who escaped with severe shaking

up but no injuries was Charles R. Skinner,

former State Superintendent of Schools

and at present a resident of New York city

Mr. Skinner formerly resided in Water-

town and was en route to that city when the

"I awoke near Boonville," he said, "where

been destroyed or thrown away.

wreck occurred.

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FOUR MEN KILLED AND MANY OTHERS INJURED.

Mistake of a Woman Telegrapher Caused a Headon Collision With a Freight Train-All of the Killed Are Trainmen -Edward Dockstader Severely Injured.

UTICA. N. Y., July 4.—By the substitution of the numeral 5 for the figure 1 by a woman telegrapher on the Utica and Black River Division of the New York Central when she wrote out a message for a train crew. four men were killed and many persons were injured in a wreck about two miles north of Boonville at 5:32 this morning.

The collision was between a freight train, southbound, and the Thousand Island Special, drawn by two locomotives and travelling north toward Clayton on the St. Lawrence River. This train leaves New York each evening during the summer season at 7:15 o'clock and to-day was crowded with New Yorkers bound for the north country to enjoy a brief holiday. They occupied seven Pullman sleepers, and with the exception of Edward Dockstader suffered no injuries worth mentioning. Dockstader sustained severe injuries to his back and is at St. Luke's Hospital in this city, where late to-night he was resting comfortably. He will be out within a few days. The other New Yorkers continued their journey to the St. Lawrence River this evening. These four men were killed:

- A. RIEBER, Utica, engineer. S. G. O'BRIEN, Utica, engineer.
- A. W. HAGAMAN, Utica, brakeman. J. H. MICHAEL, Edison, fireman.
- The injured are: F. W. BURNETT of Watertown, fireman; eft thigh and arm fractured, internal in-
- juries; will die. C. D. SCHAFF of Watertown, compound fracture of left leg below the knee; will lose
- GEORGE STOCKER of Utica, ankle broken and internal injuries. GEORGE HUGHES, engineer, scalp wound right arm fractured above and below elbow.
 W. H. Wood of Utica, back and hip injured.

W. CARNEY of Utica, right ankle broken E. DOCKSTADER of New York city, back George C. Boldt, proprietor of the Waldorf-

Astoria, New York city, was one of the passengers who escaped uninjured. After the crash he jumped from his berth and was one of the first to minister to the injured. He opened his grip and provided whiskey to all those in need. It was of Mr. Boldt that one of the engineers, lying on the track and in a dying condition, asked:

"How did it happen? Was it my fault? Did I make a mistake in my orders? The New Yorker ran and sought out the conductor, who bent over the dying man and drew the order from his pocket. Holding

it where the dying man could see it he said: "It wasn't your fault. I here's the order." Then the engineer breathed his last.

Mr. Boldt helped to carry the body from

the track and then went to the aid of others who were injured.

General Superintendent Christie of the R. and O. W. system, in discu dent with THE SUN reporter to-night said that as far as investigation had been made the crews of both trains had been exonerated of blame for the accident and that from all that could be ascertained the error had clearly been made at Lyons Falls. Mr. Christie said that the night operator there, Mrs. E. R. McLane, made a mistake of forty minutes in copying a message from the office of the Watertown despatcher to be given the engineer and conductor on the freight train out of 'Ogdensburg and then approaching "west," as all trains sent out of there are designated. Mrs. McLane is 29 years old and had been employed at the Lyon Falls sta-tion only a short time. The station at

beyond Boonville and at night is the next Passenger trains ordinarily as traffic of the first class have precedence over everything else, but it was shown that train No. 55, or the Thousand Island special, was two hours late in starting from Utica on account of late connections from New York, and the despatcher's office in Watertown was aware of the time it had been making along the line. This being the case, it was decided to let the freight have another ten minutes and send it along to Boonville, which apparently it was believed the train might reach just after the passenger got

which she has been operator is ten miles

Train Despatcher James O'Leary sent the order from Watertown to the Lyon Falls station for the freight crew. An order was also sent to Remsen to be given the passenger crew, directing it to wait at Boonville until 5:15, and news of the contents of the despatch was likewise sept to Boonville, where the Thousand Island special was to wait until 5:15, it being figured that it would get there before that hour.

The message that the Lyon Falls operator was directed to give the conductor on the freight train proceeding toward Boonville was, said upt. Christie:

"No. 55 will wait at Boonville until 5:15 for No. 90." The message actually given to the freight

conductor read: "No. 55 will wait at Boonville until 5:55 for No. 90."

A difference of the figure in a brief sentence. The substitution of a 5 for a 1. according to the official explanation of the affair, cost four men their lives, painfully injured others and caused a big property The order given Train 55 at Remsen was

worded as the Watertown despatcher intended it should be, and gave directions for it to remain at Boonville until quarter past 5. But when the passenger reached there it was already twenty-five minutes past 5. As the time at which he was told to wait had gone by, the crew was required to pay no more attention to the order, according to the established railroad custom, as officially explained. So the Thousand Islands specia passed Boonville and continued on its way, as it had a right to do with no orders referring to a wait later than 5:15.

A thorough investigation of all the circumstances attending the receipt and copying of the message from Watertown and Lyon Falls will be made. During the movement of the troops to and from Pine Plains the work of despatching trains on the Black River division has been largely given to the Watertown office. No mishap previous to the terrible accident to-day has occurred during the change.

the train stopped for a minute or so. About mile and a half beyond Boonville I was awakened by the sudden application of the air brakes. The jolt awakened most every one in the train and there was a sudden scrambling from the berths, the passengers of both sexes getting out to see the cause of the trouble. The crash of glass followed. We dressed as rapidly as possible after the crash occurred and piled from the coaches. "When I got out of the coach I saw the extra baggage car turned bottom side up

n the Black River Canal. The combination car was half way down the canal bank on its side. There were about twenty persons in this car and they were helped out through the windows as rapidly as possible. The day coach was badly smashed and the men and women were scrambling from the coach. In considering the terrible accident I think that those in the train acted with marked degree of coolness, and there was not much shouting, though some o the women were inclined to be hysterical

when they saw the dead and the wounded. I

found Engineer Rieber and Engineer O'Brien

dead beside their engines." "Among the New Yorkers who were on the train were George C. Boldt, the proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria; Thomas Wheeler one of the directors of the Standard Oil Company: Alexander Robb, a well known New Yorker, and Norris Oliphant, who is well known both in the metropolis and among the Thousand Islands, where the family has a beautiful summer residence. Mr. Boldt and Mr. Oliphant were among the first to take off their coats and assist in the work of resoue. Mr. Boldt especially was useful, plunging into the midst of the wreck and helping to extricate those who were the most injured."

RAID ON THE FIRE BUFFS. King of Them All and Eleven Others Ar-

rested at Croker's Request. So many persons hang about the door of Fire Headquarters in Great Jones street that Chief Croker, fearing that some one will get hurt, has decided to have them kept away.

Repeated warnings failing of effect, last night the Chief had Acting Captain Dominick Henry and four detectives stationed near the fire house. When the alarms began to come in Henry and his man collared ve men and took them to the nig court, where they were fined \$1 apiece.

Vincent Dowling of 17 Broadway, Brookyn, was one of those arrested. Dowling is known as king of the buffs and is often seen

KERMIT ROOSEVELT HAS A FALL Tumbles From His Horse While Carrying the Dummy in a Manikin Race.

GENESEO, N. Y., July 4.-Kermit Roose velt had a bad tumble from his horse at the amual equestrian sports at Major Wadsworth's home in the Genesee Valley to-day. That he escaped with no broken bones is just Roosevelt luck.

Young Roosevelt was taking part in the manikin race and was carrying the dummy across his saddle. When half way acros the course and while he was putting in his best licks the dummy started to slide. In an instant Kermit was thrown to the ground and the manikin, weighing 100 pounds, fell on top of him. The boy was considerably shaken up, but not much hurt. His horse disappeared in the grove beyond the arena and Kermit had to drag the dummy a quarter of a mile back to the starting point.

JOHN G. HECKSCHER DEAD.

Father-in-Law of the Mayor-Figured in Famous Duel.

John Gerard Heckscher, father of Mrs George B. McClellan, died of apoplexy late vesterday afternoon at this home, 18 West Eighty-eighth street, Mr. Heckscher had been travelling in Europe with his wife and was stricken in Dresden about seven months ago. He was hurried home and had been ill since. Drs. Patterson, Wolff and Echeverria attended him.

Mr. Heckscher was the son of Gen. Charles A. Heckscher and was about 73 years old. He fought through the civil war. His first wife was Miss Whitney, a granddaughter of Stephen Whitney. There were two daughters by that marriage, Mrs McClellan and

Mrs. Egerton Winthrop, Jr. Henry Winthrop Gray and Mr. Henkscher were great friends as young men. Mrs. Gray was Marie Travers, a daughter of William R. Travers, the banker and wit. In 1873, after a quarrel between Heckscher and Gray in front of the old Union Club. at Eighteenth street and Fifth avenue, in which quarrel a blow was struck, a challenge to a duel passed and the duel was fought in Canada. The late Carroll Livingston acted as one of the seconds in the due which came to nothing, as Gray, who had the first shot, missed, and Heckscher is said to have fired in the air. A divorce followed and Mrs. Gray went to live with her father. After the death of Mr. Heck-

scher's wife he married Mrs. Gray. The second Mrs. Heckscher died six years later and then Mr. Heckscher and his nephew Capt. Philip Lydig, went on a tour of the world. In October, 1905, Mr. Heckscher was privately married to Miss Virginia Otis, a young woman and a noted beauty of Charleston, N. C. The marriage was announced some time after at a box party given at the

Hippodrome. Mr. Heckscher was one of the founders of the Horse Show. He was also interested in the Coney Island Jockey Club and helped to make that organization what it is to-day He was a director at the time of his death He was a member of several other clubs and a director of the Knickerbocker Trust Com-

pany. Take home a bettle of PHENOL SODIQUE for guapowder and other burns.—Ade.

TAFT CALLS PEACE MEETING

the time for the passenger train's wait at Boonville said "5:15." It was believed that MURRAY CRANE, HEMENWAY AND M'KINLEY TO VISIT HIM.

> Choice of Hitchcock as Chairman to Wait Upon the Smoothing Over of the Chieago Troubles-Candidate Golfs in the Rain-Pleased With His First Trip.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., July 4 .- William H. Taft has started in to iron out the wrinkles left in the Republican situation as a result: of the Hitchcook methods at Chicago. Mr. Taft has invited Senator Murray Crane from Massachusetts, Senator Hemenway and James B. Watson of Indiana and Congressman W. B. McKinley of Illinois to meet him here. Senator Crane will arrive to-morrow morning. Mr. McKinley will get here on Monday and the two Indiana nen will be here on Tuesday.

This means that Mr. Taft will have conferred with all the factions that are inclined to resent the Hitchcock steam roller methods before the sub-committee of the Republican national committee meets here on the 8th to select a chairman.

Senator Hemenway and Congressman Watson were among the most faithful guardians of the Fairbanks boom at the Chicago convention, and Congressman McKinley was the manager of the Cannon

Senator Crane was the leader of the socalled reactionaries in their fight against the Receivelt anti-injunction programme All of these men sent telegrams to Mr. Taft after his nomination assuring him of their loyal support, and he is availing himself of bese offers in asking them to come on to Hot Springs.

Mr. Taft, ever since he was first sent to straighten out the mess in the Philippines, has been known as a conciliator, a man who can bring peace out of a heap of trouble. That he intends to practise his art on visitors here for the next three days is certain, and the result as Mr. Taft's friends see it is bound to be satisfactory.

The belief here is that the conferences with the Indiana, Massachusetts and Illinois men foreshadow the selection of Frank H. Hitchcock as national chairman at the meeting of the sub-committee on Wednesday There has never been any doubt that Mr. Taft had votes enough to name Hitchcock if he wanted to force the issue, but it has been his desire first to allay the irritation caused by some of the happenings at the Chicago convention.

In addition to the feeling of resentment harbored by some of the allies against Hitchcook Mr. Taft has had to face the delicate situation out in Ohio growing out of the aspiration of Arthur Vorys to become chairman. The Ohio situation, it is said, is in a fair way to being smoothed out since Mr. Vorys's conference with Mr. Taft in Washington. Mr. Vorys knows that he will not be named as chairman.

Congressman Theodore E. Burton of Ohio has been here since Mr. Taft arrived, but there have been few conferences between them and everything indicates that the Ohio situation is better than it has been at any other time since the meeting of the sub-committee in Cincinnati' immediately after the convention. It remains for Mr. owever to placete the fe one of the allies, and that is apparently what he is going to try to do.

Further indication that Hischcock will dimately be named as chairman is found n the report that he is coming here to see Mr. Taft. Mr. Taft would not say to-day when Mr. Hitchcock was coming, but it will probably be after the meeting of the sub-committee on July 8. It is probable that Congressman McKinley's visit to Hot Springs has something to do also with the selection of treasurer of the national com mittee to succeed Cornelius N. Bliss. Mr. McKinley has been frequently mentioned for the place, and Mr. Taft made it plain on Saturday after his talk with William Nelson Cromwell that Mr. Bliss would not again

accept the place under any circumstances. This was a wet Fourth for the candi dates. It began raining here about noon and kept up all day. Mr. Taft was out on the golf course about a mile from the hotel when the downpour began, and he was drenched when he got back to his rooms. He came in smiling, though, and seemed to enjoy the ducking. Mr. Taft is not an expert golfer, but he is by no means in the "dub" class. He gave Frank B. Kellogg, the trust buster, a close race. Mr. Kellogg won 3 up, the score for the eighteen holes being Taft, 101; Kellogg, 102.

When it came to plain ordinary leg work though, Mr. Taft with his 297 pounds had the Minnesota trust buster skinned.

Mr. Taft is greatly pleased with the reception which he got at stations along the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad on his journey from Washington. Probably the most interesting reception was at Covington, twenty-five miles from here. It occurred near midnight. Mr. Taft and National Committeeman Kellogg were both asleep in can chairs. The first intimation Mr. Taft had of a crowd outside was a loud thumping on the window pane near his head. He jumped and a chorus of voices sang out: "Come on out! Come out! Bill

The candidate rubbed his eyes, looked at his watch and decided that it was too late. "Wake up! Wake up!" shouted the Covingtonites. But still Mr. Taft made no motion 'If we don't get a talk we'll vote for Bryan, shouted somebody in the crowd, and that caught him. Peering through an open window into the darkness he said, "Do you folks always stay up as late as this?" "Nope," said a voice in the darkness only on special occasions."

"Is this the end of the division?" asked Mr. Taft for lack of something else to say. "This is the end of—the end of—this is Covington," said another voice.

Mr. Taft conversed for five or ten minutes with the voices in the darkness, and finally one of them said: "Well, I reckon you are elected down hyer in this town' right now," and the crowd shouted its approval.

OFFICERS TO WEAR SWORDS, Even in Battle, German War Ministry Deeides-Moral Effect Before Safety.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, July 4 .- It is stated that the Ministry of War has decided that hereafter when officers are on active service they when officers are on active service they shall wear swords. These ornamental weapons were discarded after the South African war and rifles were substituted. The Japanese war led to a reconsideration of the decision. The Japanese experience showed that the moral value of the sword in distinguishing the officer from the private outweighed the advantage of its tack, which prevented an officer from being singled out by starpshooters.

Milton Cumming, Trying Out Wespon Shoots Through Barn Door.

Jessie Cumming, 13 years old, was shot and killed by her brother, Milton, 18, a little after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon while playing in the barn at her home 3660 Olinville avenue. The Bronx.

The boy was trying out a new gun and was using the end of a rope for a target. One of the bullets penetrated the barn door on the second floor, where Jessie and her playmates were, pierced the girl's skull above her right eye and went into the brain. Her body fell against the door which was not fastened, and dropped to the yard. Her brother was so stunned at the sight that it was several minutes before he could raise an outcry.

Jessie had been the queen of a little neighborhood children's pionic party the day before in Bronxwood Park, and several children came in yesterday afternoon to play some of the games again. A shower started suddenly and Philip Cumming. Jessie's father, suggested that the little girls continue playing in the shelter of the barn, the upper floor of which had been fitted up for a playhouse in bad weather. Milton had intended leaving to-day for

the Adirondacks for his vacation and was practising up for hunting feats. The rope he was shooting at hung from the outer end of a hoisting beam and was directly opposite the door which led to the place where the girls had gone. A doctor who was summoned said that the

Coroner McDonald. Milton was arrested and taken to the Wakefield police station. but after the Coroner had heard the story he released him in the custody of his father. Jessie Cumming was to have had a Fourth of July party for the heighbors' girls in the evening. When the news of her death

girl had been killed instantly. He notified

spread fireworks in the vicinity were dispensed with. Jessie was an only daughter. There is another son besides Milton Philip, Jr. HAD TO LIVE IN A STABLE.

Destitute Woman and Three Children Found in Straw of a Stall. A woman and her three children were found last night asleep in a stable stall at 601 Washington street, where they have been living for a week. They were Mrs. Alice Simmons, 33 years old; her two boys, George, 11, and Thomas, 9, and a sevenmonth-old baby, Ethel. The baby has a

very bad case of pneumonia. Policeman Joseph Buck of the Charles treet station entered the ranshackly stable ast night to see why the door was open. baby's cry came from the darkness of a stall, so Buck lit a match. A woman sprang to her feet with the baby in her arms. In the straw behind her lay the two boys

Buck picked up the youngest boy and escorted the rest of the family to the station louse. Mrs. Simmons could hardly walk. At the station she ate something and then told her story. Her husband, she said. was a violinist who had played in theatre orchestras. About a year ago he left her, and recently he stopped sending her money. She went to the Seaside Home, at Coney Island, but on last Monday the two weeks permitted her there ended and with the three children she came back to Man-

She slept along the piers and the riverfront for a night or two and then one night found the stable door partly open and squeezed her way in. She went out with the children and begged their food in the daytime and slept in the stall at night.

A technical charge of vagrancy and of improper guardianship was made against Mrs. Simmons. The two boys were sent to the Children's society. The baby was taken

E. C. CONVERSE ROBBED OF GEMS. Jewelry Worth \$13,000 Taken From Hotel Room and Returned

Los Angeles, July 4 .-- Jewels valued at \$15,000 were stolen last night from the rooms of Edmund Cogswell Converse, Jr., of New York at the Hollywood Hotel, Hollywood, while he and his family were at dinner.

Within two hours of the discovery the valuables were returned. A dozen policemen and deputy sheriffs were at the hotel an hour after the theft, and in some mysterious way the case of jewelry was smuggled into the Converse apartments while the police were in the building. The work is supposed to have been that of an emplovee of the hotel, who, becoming alarmed at the commotion and fearing to flee and become an object of suspicion, returned

came to Hollywood two weeks ago.

Edmund C. Converse is the president of the \$80,000,000 National Tube Company and a son of the late James C. Converse of Boston, who founded the National Tube Works. At Conyers Manor, Mr. Converse's summer home in Greenwich, Conn. nothing was known of the robbery vesterday. Only the servants are in the house this summer.

FIREWORKS ALL OFF AT ONCE Indian Harbor Yacht Club's Celebration Quickly Ended.

GREENWICH, Conn., July 4 .- At the Indian Harbor Yacht Club to-night a thousand dollars worth of fireworks exploded at one time, the rockets, candles and everything else shooting in every direction. A crowd of a thousand yachtsmen, guests and residents of Greenwich had gathered

and residents of Greenwich had gathered to witness the display.

The fireworks were taken to the town dock, about a hundred feet from the front of the clubhouse, and three pieces had been fired off when the explosion occurred.

The dock was packed, as were the piazzas of the clubhouse, this clears to the piazzas. The dock was packed, as were the plazzas of the clubhouse, while close to shore were many yachts filled with visitors from New York. No one was seriously hurt, but a number of persons received minor injuries.

HEALTH INSPECTORS LAID OFF. Vacation for 100 Saves Money for the Department.

Dr. Walter Bensel, superintendent of the Sanitary Bureau of the Department of Health, announced yesterday that 100 inspectors had been laid off for the period from July I to September 1 The appropriation for the bureau is deficient, Dr. Bensei said, and by letting these men go for a time \$20,000 can be saved, a retrenchment which will keep the department within its

Most of the men affected are what are known as school inspectors. Sixty were let go in Manhattan borough, thirty in Queens, five in The Bronx and five in Richmond. Their duties were to examine school children to prevent the spread of contagious disease. During the unmer months they usually have had ass gaments as regular health inspectors.

KILLS SISTER WITH NEW GUN. BRYAN OPENS WAR ON GUFFEY

CALLS HIM A BUSHWHACKER WHO WOULD "BETRAY ME."

Doesn't Want Him on the National Committee and Says So Foreibly-Tom Johnson Joins in Classing Guffey as Undesirable—Day Given to Delegations.

LINCOLN, July 4.-Before 200 Pennsyl-

ania delegates and Democrats at Fairview to-day Mr. Bryan in a speech denounced.Col. J. M. Guffey and excommunicated him. He "It has been my custom not to take sides n any contest between Democrats of any

State. The only reason why I have done

so in this case is that Mr. Guffey has deliberately and wilfully conspired to defeat what he knows to be the expressed will of the Democrate of your State. "You had a primary in which the candidates who favored my nomination received a large majority of the votes. When a

political boss assumes to defy and override

the expressed will of the party he shall never

be in the organization except over my pro-"I have notified Mr. Guffey that I would egard his selection as unfortunate and is membership on the national committee as an embarrassment. When the people declared that they wanted me as their candidate I believe that they never intended that a bushwhacker should be put

into my councils to betray me." The Bryan Democratic League of Pennsylvania, who made up most of Mr. Bryan's audience when he excommunicated Guffey, came in on a special to-day. The leaders say they are going to Denver to get Col. Jim Guffey's scalp as national committeeman and say they have a letter from Bryan to the Pennsylvania delegation putting Guffey, because of his alliance with the money interests, on the undesirable list once occupied by Roger Sullivan.

The scoring of Guffey at Bryan's hands followed speeches by James Kerr, the Bryan leader of Pennsylvania, who is a candidate against Guffey for member the national committee, and George C. Marshall of the same State, both of whom declared Guffey to be a boss who has no sympathy with the things for which Mr. Bryan stands.

The delegation brought to Lincoln two men who are avowed candidates for Vice-President, William H. Berry, former State Treasurer, elected by a fusion of the Democrats and the Lincoln party in 1905, and John Murphy of Pittsburg, a real estate man. A majority of the Pennsylvanians regard Berry as good material for second place, but Murphy's aspirations are declared to be a joke.

"Have any of your people an idea that Pennsylvania can be carried for the Demoorat ticket if it gets the candidate for Vice President?" was asked of Berry. "I haven't heard of it if there is such an

us, of course. However, the case is net hopeless, and my friends think it would be a great help and inspiration to success in Pennsylvania if I should get the nomination." Joseph S. Boyle of Lancaster, Pa., asserted that forty or more of the State's sixty-eight votes at the national convention would be

cast for Bryan. About thirty of the delegates, all Bryan men, are with this special train. It is said that some of these who will come with the Guffey special later on are also for Bryan. Tom Johnson was present during the He

Guffey scoring and made a speech. said men like Guffey had betrayed the party in the past and would in the future. They ought to be driven out. Johnson told the reporters he would not

take the job of managing the campaign, as he could raise no money except from corporations that would expect to be paid in special legislation Johnson had two planks in his pocket upon which he wanted Mr Bayan's opinion.

One was on government ownership and the other on the initiative and referendum. As Mr. Bryan in his Commoner has declared neither to be an issue, what he said to Mayor Tom can be guessed at. A dozen Illinois Democrats who are contesting the seats of a part of the Roger

Florida, as is stated in the press despatches, vote for some other candidate, but they would hardly dare do so: in fact, they will

In the Florida delegation were Gov. Brainard, who is thinking of running for Vice-President; United States Senator Milton, who succeeded Senator Bryan, and former Governor Jennings. United States lenator Overman of North Carolina was with the delegation from his State.

ALARMED OVER SVEN HEDIN. Swedish Minister Desires Search Made for

the Tiberan Traveller. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

STOCKHOLM, July 4.—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is concerned regarding the fate of Sven Hedin, the well known traveller, who is now in Tibet.

MONKEY SETS FIRE TO A HOUSE And Gets Se Excited About It That He Dies -- \$2,000 Damage Done.

Limbo, a pet monkey belonging to Mrs. Mary Blockwell of 1776 Bath avenue, Bath Beach, got hold of some matches and set fire to Mrs. Blockwell's curtains. The resulting excitement in a fire which caused about \$2,000 damage rattled Limbo so much that he died, presumably of heart failure.

The firemen put out the blaze before the house was entirely gutted, and the only fatality was that of Limbo, who was brought down by a fireman after Mrs. Blockwell had nearly gone into hysterics because her pet monkey was in danger.

WRIGHT HURT BY AEROPLANE. Bursting of Water Pipe Lacerates Aviator's Arm and Side.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LE MANS, France, July 4 .- While Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, was testing part of the mechanism of his aeroplane to day a water pipe burst, inflicting somewhat severe injuries to his left arm and side.

46 GUNS FOR BRYAN.

Democrats May Be Permitted to Fire Them From the Washington Monument Grounds.

OVSTER BAY July 4-A letter was received at the executive offices this morning from Col. Charles Bromwell, the President's military aide and Superintendent of Public Buildings in Washington, asking if it would be all right to grant the request of Washington Democrats for permission to fire forty-six guns from the monument grounds to celebrate the nomination of Bryan. Col. Browwell wrote that he was in doubt about the propriety of the salute since Bryan's nomination would hardly be "a

national celebration." It is understood that the request will be granted.

MURDERED WITH A CANNON. Steel Ball Rearing Fired Through a Door Kills a Massachusetts Man.

LEOMINSTER, Mass., July 4 .- Edward J. McLaughlin, a business man, was summoned to the door of his home at 3 Floral place, this town, at 3 o'clock this morning. Before he could open the door there was a loud report. McLaughlin dropped in his tracks and died within a minute.

The police have arrested as suspects Joe Coleman, 22 years old; Louis Nutting, 20, and Amos Lambert Simmons, 18. All refuse to discuss the case.

The police first found a revolver and ancounced that a bullet had caused McLaughlin's death. But A. H. Pierce, medical examiner, after an autopsy, said that death was caused by the liver and heart being pierced by a % inch steel ball bearing. The police went to work again and found a fifteen inch cannon, which is said to have been loaded with a steel ball bearing.

McLaughlin, as far as can be learned, had no enemies. The police theory is that the assassin or assassins aimed the cannon on the porch steps so that the ball when discharged would enter the door a little to the right of the doorknob, waited to hear McLaughlin's hand on the knob and theri pulled the trigger.

idea," he responded. "The odds are against NEW FOR NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ? Taft Calls Senator Hemenway for a Con-

> Indianapolis, Ind., July 4.—United States senator Hemenway left this city yesterday n response to a telegram from William H. Taft asking him to meet Mr. Taft at Hot Springs, Va., for a conference in relation to the selection of a chairman of the Republican national committee. It is rumored here to-day that Mr. Taft is considering Harry S. New for the place. Politicians who took this view said that although the friends of Vice-President Fairbanks have no feeling against Mr. Taft on account of the methods used at Chicago in deciding contests the decisions in those cases had made a bad impression throughout the State and it was plainly the purpose of the Democrats to hold Fairbanks up as a martyr and thus

> ry to create prejudice against Taft. The selection of New, these politicians said, would help to counteract such

manœuvring. BRAZIL AIMS AT A GREAT NAVY. Thinks She's the Equal of Any American

Power-Training Sailors. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, July 4.-G. P. Brodigan, technical epresentative of the Hotchkiss company. says he is sure the statement that the Brazilian Government has no idea of selling single one of her new warships to Japan, a statement made by the Brazilian Embassy at Washington, is no mere diplomatic an-

Mr. Brodigan, who has just returned from Brazil, says the ambition of that country is to have a perfect navy. Nothing but a severe slump in coffee prices or a failure of the coffee crop can interfere with its realization. Rear Admiral Alencar, the Brazilian Minister of Marine, told Mr. Brodigan that his only fear was that the country would not have a supply of properly trained men when the new ships were ready to be taken over. For this reason he was now keeping as many ships as possible

doing active work at sea. Mr. Brodigan supposes that Brazil's lesire for such a powerful fleet is natural for a State believing itself as important as any on the continent. At the same time he found a theory strongly prevailed that the country had a right to a natural boundary to the south.

JUMPS FROM HIGH BRIDGE. Inidentified Man Lands in Speedway and Is Killed.

An unidentified man about 38 years old umped rom the Manhattan end of High Bridge over the Harlem River yesterday afternoon. He landed on the Harlem River Speedway and was instantly killed. The body was taken to the Harlem morgue. There were no marks on the clothing and the pockets were empty. The man was gray haired and smooth faced, weighed about 150 pounds, and wore a black suit, a

Stepped on Banana Peel, Killed a Boy. Antonio Faigio, 6 years old, was shot and instantly killed yesterday on the roof of his

Instantly killed yesterday on the roof of his home at 170 West Houston street.

Faigio, with his brother Joe, 11 years old, was watching Hugo Fridiani and Guido Petucci, grownups, shoot at a target on the roof. One of the men slipped on a banana peel and as he fell his revolver went off and the bullet entered Faigio's heart.

Fridiani and Petucci were arrested.

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JUSTICE GAYNOR DROPPED AS

Murphy New Talks of Bryan and Gray as the Ticket-State's Action Regarding

AN UNAVAILABLE.

Bryan to Be Decided To-morrow-May Give Him 78 Votes on First Ballot. DENVER, July 4 .- The New Yorkers are n a pickle over the Vice-Presidential situation. Yesterday when they landed here they were all for Supreme Court Justice William J. Gaynor of Brooklyn and asserted

would declare for Bryan and advance Gaynor as the State's choice for the Vice-Presidency. To-day Charles F. Murphy and his friends in the delegation, not forgetting Senator Thomas F. Grady, have heard a heap about the jumping from the frying pan situation. with Justice Gaynor as the chief object to

that the delegation at its caucus on Monday

be toasted. Bryan had made it clear to the New Yorkers that Gaynor was the best man named if they could agree upon him in the delegation. Gaynor had told Senator McCarren that he would accept the nomination. McCarren could be slaughtered in the committee on credentials, but would have to be loval to Gaynor, a fellow townsman, and Gaynor's pleasant relations with William R. Hearst might induce Mr. Hearst to forego any determination not to support a ticket which had Bryan for its head.

The job was all cooked up at Lincoln and was to be tried out for the additional reason that Revan believes that a New Yorker should be named for Vice-President to counteract any political advantage which the Republicans of the State might gain in the nomination of Representative James S. Sherman. It was all very beautiful from the standpoint of Farmer Bryan at Lincoln, but to-day his friends with longer memories apparently began to attack Justice Gaynor.

They produced editorial articles from New York city newspapers which in years gone by had severely criticised Justice Gaynor's manner of abjuring his religious faith and attacking it from the lecture platform. All day these critical editorials, some of them dating back fifteen years, have been peddled among the delegates here and among Democratic national committeemen and among Bryan and anti-Bryan men. Now Mr. Murphy and many others in the New York delegation do not believe to-night that Justice Gaynor can be selected by the delegation on Monday, and even if he were that he would be rejected by the Bryan men

in the convention. Bryan, without the slightest doubt and according to the very best information, is playing the same religious game in politics as Taft is alleged to be doing It is one of the secrets of the first Bryan convention in 1896 that Richard P. Bland was the idol of the silverites for President, but that objection was made to the religious faith of Mrs. Bland. The Nebraskan, young William tion, a new recruit for free silver at 16 to 1. with his "cross of gold and crown of thorns speech chased in and captured the nomination against the veteran Bland, who had been an exponent of the free silver heresy almost

from his youth. That cross of gold and crown of thorns phrase was not original with Bryan. He "borrowed" it from Representative Samuel F. McCall, a Republican, from the Eighth district of Massachusetts, who had used it in a speech in the House of Representatives in 1894. Great was Bryan's apparent chagrin when the newspaper men taxed him with this evidence of unconscious assimilation, but any chap who could stand on that dishonest 16 to 1 platform would not be above purloining an oratorical

pearl from a political opponent. It should not be thought that Justice Gaynor's boom is altogether dead, but it is gasping and fluttering in the last throes. There are men in the New York delegation who hope to see it revived by the time the delegation assembles on Monday afternoon. The New Yorkers began to-night to say that they did not really care to name a candidate for the Vice-Presidency. They seem to think that Bryan should take John W. Kern of Indiana or should make even more strenuous efforts to induce Judge Gray of Delaware to accept second place on the ticket. The Johnson men, with the exception of Frederick B. Lynch, believe that Minnesota's Governor should accept the Vice-Presidency for the reason that this is his last term as Governor in the State and that because of the vast Scandinavian population in the Northwest one of that race should be on the ticket. This latter argument has been submitted to Bryan at Lincoln and he is reported to have said: "Oh, that's all right. If we need a Scandinavian what is the matter with Gov. Swan-

son of Virginia?" Virginia, it will be recalled, at the last moment turned in and instructed its delegation for Bryan, contrary to general expectations. It was Virginia's act which practically broke the backbone of the opposition to Bryan's nomination.

While there is no hope here that Bryan's nomination can be defeated on the first ballot a number of the anti-Bryanites are expectantly awaiting the arrival of the Alabama and Georgia delegations. Quite a good deal is expected from Georgia.

A number of cenferences were held to-day by some of the leading Democrats of New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Illinois. The majority sentiment was that Bryan's nomination could not be prevented, and some of those who attended the conferences stated very plainly that if they caught New York "flying the coop" and deciding to indorse Bryan they would not hesitate a moment to adopt the same tactics Some of those who attended these conferences also declared that it blue outing shirt, black shoes and a straw everybody was to throw up his hands after the fashion that the New Yorkers are contemplating the presentations of Gov. Johnson and of Judge Gray for first place would be but perfunctorily made and almost instantly withdrawn. In other words, if the New Yorkers are to climb aboard a Bryan band wagon with no thought of opposition except as to the platform, the Pennsylvanians and the delegates from Minnesota even would not be a step behindhand, so that the policy, believed in by many, that Bryan should be renominated and smashed again could be carried out

in its entirety. T. D. O'Brien, Que of Gov. Johnson'

Sullivan Chicago delegates told their story to Bryan this morning, but they seeme saddened when they departed. Democrats who came to talk platform with Bryan to-day got little time to impress him with their beliefs. This was distinctly Converse, with his wife, child and a maid, his busy day. Delegations from Pennsylnouncement. vania, Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Massachusetts and West Virginia came on specials. went out to Fairview and saw Bryan. The Cook County Democracy, with a band and plug hats, descended upon Bryan in the afternoon. "If the anti-Bryan people are counting

on any support from North Carolina or they are doomed to disappointment," said Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, N. C., national committeeman from that State. Mr. Daniels and other members of the North Carolina delegation asserted that the State was solidly for Mr. Bryan and that the delegates were positively instructed for him. He admitted that five of the districts had failed to give instructions, but the State convention instructed and bound the entire delegation. There might be a few of the delegates from the districts where no instructions were given who would like to

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